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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael R. McNeely, et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/009,674 )  
Filed: December 6, 2001 )  
For: LASER ABLATION OF DOPED FLUOROCARBON )  
MATERIALS AND APPLICATIONS THEREOF )

Request for Refund

Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.26, applicant hereby requests a refund of the excess filing fee paid in connection with this application. The above-referenced matter is a U.S. National Phase Application based on International PCT Application No. PCT/US00/40156. The International Preliminary Examination Report for this matter indicated that all claims meet the novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability requirements of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). The IPEA was the United States Patent and Trademark Office. According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(4), the correct basic national fee was \$50 instead of \$355 actually paid. Therefore, applicant requests that the amount of \$305 be credited to our Deposit Account No. 13-0763. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed. Please direct all future correspondence to the attention of the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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